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Letter dated 16 June 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 21 March 2006 (A/60/729-S/2006/177), addressed to you, I have the honour to draw your attention to new violations of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish air force, recorded from 16 March to 8 June 2006.

On 16 March 2006, three Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied areas of Kyrenia and Mesaoria before landing at the same airport.

On 20 March 2006, two Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Kyrenia before landing at the same airport.

On 21 March 2006, two F-16 Turkish military aircraft and two Turkish military aircraft of unknown type, coming from the flight information region (FIR) of Ankara in two formations, entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations.

On 22 March 2006, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 23 March 2006, four F-4 Turkish military aircraft, coming in one formation from the FIR of Ankara, entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations.

On 29 March 2006, one C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the

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illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 5 April 2006, one C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 6 April 2006, four F-16 Turkish military aircraft coming in one formation from the FIR of Ankara, entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations.

On 9 April 2006, ten F-16 Turkish military aircraft coming in two formations (1X6 and 1X4) from the FIR of Ankara, entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations.

On 10 April 2006, two F-16 and two F-4 Turkish military aircraft coming in one formation from the FIR of Ankara, entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations.

On 12 April 2006, one C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 13 and 14 April 2006, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft and three C-130 Turkish military aircraft, coming from the FIR of Ankara, entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara;

(b) The three C-130 Turkish military aircraft, coming from the FIR of Ankara, entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations, before exiting in a southerly direction.

On 15 April 2006, two C-130 Turkish military aircraft, coming from a southerly direction, flew over the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 19 April 2006, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

From 20 to 24 April, two C-160 and two CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations seven times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus seven times.

On 25 April 2006, two F-16 Turkish military aircraft and two F-4 Turkish military aircraft, coming in one formation from the FIR of Ankara, entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations.

On 26 April 2006, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft, coming from the FIR of Ankara, entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

From 27 to 30 April 2006, three CN-235 and two C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 3 May 2006, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 5 May 2006, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft, coming from the FIR of Ankara, entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before exiting in the opposite direction.

On the same day, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before landing at the pocket of Kokkina, from where it later took off and landed at the illegal airport of Krini.

On the same day, five F-16 Turkish military aircraft, coming from the FIR of Ankara in one formation, entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before exiting in a southerly direction.

On the same day, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft, took off from the pocket of Kokkina, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before landing at the illegal airport of Krini.

On the same day, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft, coming from the FIR of Ankara, entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before exiting in the opposite direction.

On 10 May 2006, one C-130 Turkish military aircraft, and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The C-130 Turkish military aircraft, coming from the FIR of Ankara, entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara;

(b) The Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before landing on the same day at the same airport.

On 16 May 2006, three F-4 Turkish military aircraft and three Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The three F-4 Turkish military aircraft, coming in one formation from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations, before exiting in the opposite direction;

(b) The three Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before returning to the same airport.

On 17 May 2006, one C-130 Turkish military aircraft and two F-4 Turkish military aircraft, coming in one formation, violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it later departed towards the FIR of Ankara;

(b) The two F-4 Turkish military aircraft, coming in one formation from the FIR of Ankara, entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before exiting in the opposite direction.

On 18 May 2006, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft, coming from the FIR of Ankara, entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before exiting in the opposite direction.

On 24 and 25 May 2006, one C-160 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft, coming from the FIR of Ankara, entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 30 May 2006, four F-4 Turkish military aircraft and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The four F-4 Turkish military aircraft, coming in one formation from the FIR of Ankara, entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before exiting in a westerly direction;

(b) The Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before returning to the same airport.

On 31 May 2006, one C-160 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 7 June 2006, one C-160, one CN-235 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 8 June 2006, two CN-235 and one GLF-4 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On behalf of my Government I would like to strongly protest the aforementioned violations and hereby call for their immediate cessation. Turkey's policy of non-observance of rules and regulations governing international aviation continues to gravely jeopardize flight safety and perpetuate insecurity and apprehension on the island.

Furthermore, at this critical juncture, when restraint and good will are a sine qua non for the full resumption of your mission of good offices, Turkey continues to be in full and flagrant defiance of international law and Security Council resolutions and remains engaged in its divisive policy, thereby subjugating any prospect of progress to its own political considerations.

I strongly appeal for you to exert your influence over the Turkish Government to refrain from actions which aggravate the already tense atmosphere and further deepen the gap between words and deeds.

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 19, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Andreas D. **Mavroyiannis**